

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-23 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

24. (New) A structure comprising:

a first loop member adapted to assume an expanded position and a collapsed position, the first loop member having an upper side;

a second loop member adapted to assume an expanded position and a collapsed position;

wherein the first and second loop members overlap each other at first and second overlapping points that are spaced apart along the first and second loop members; and

a third loop member adapted to assume an expanded position and a collapsed position, the third loop member coupled to the upper side of the first loop member.

25. (New) The structure of claim 24, wherein each of the first and second overlapping points defines a hinge portion about which the first and second loop members are pivotable.

26. (New) The structure of claim 25, wherein the first and second loop members are foldable on top of each other about the hinge portion to have the first and second loop members overlaying each other, and wherein the overlaying first and second loop members are collapsible to the collapsed positions by twisting and folding to form a plurality of concentric rings to substantially reduce the size of the structure in the collapsed position.

27. (New) The structure of claim 25, wherein the hinge portion is positioned generally horizontally with respect to a support surface.

28. (New) The structure of claim 24, further including:

a first fabric that covers a portion of the first loop member;

a second fabric that covers a portion of the second loop member; and

wherein the first fabric crosses the second fabric.

29. (New) The structure of claim 28, wherein the first loop member and the first fabric define a first panel, and the second loop member and the second fabric define a second panel.

30. (New) The structure of claim 29, wherein the second panel is positioned at an angle with respect to the first panel.

31. (New) The structure of claim 28, wherein the hinge portion further includes a stitch line connecting the first and second fabrics and extending from about the first overlapping point to about the second overlapping point.

32. (New) The structure of claim 28, further including a loop retaining portion provided along the first and second fabrics for retaining the respective loop member.

33. (New) The structure of claim 29, wherein the first panel lies completely in the same first plane.

34. (New) The structure of claim 33, wherein the second panel lies completely in the same second plane.

35. (New) The structure of claim 34, wherein the first and second planes intersect each other.

36. (New) The structure of claim 34, wherein the first and second planes are perpendicular to each other.

37. (New) The structure of claim 28, further including:
a third fabric that covers a portion of the third loop member.

38. (New) The structure of claim 26, wherein the third loop member is foldable on top of the first and second loop members to have the three loop members overlaying each other, and wherein the overlaying loop members are collapsible to the collapsed positions by twisting and folding to form a plurality of concentric rings to substantially reduce the size of the structure in the collapsed position.

39. (New) The structure of claim 24, wherein the second loop member has an upper side, and further including:

a fourth loop member adapted to assume an expanded position and a collapsed position, the fourth loop member coupled to the upper side of the second loop member.